

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AF
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Axel Andersson et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3627
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Application No.: 10/705,936)	Examiner: Ramsey Refai
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For: METHOD OF TRACKING IN)	
PRODUCTION IN A PLANT FOR)	
LIQUID FOODS)	

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action dated April 15, 2010. Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-12 remain pending, where claims 8 and 10-12 are withdrawn from consideration, and claim 9 was previously cancelled. Reconsideration of the application is requested based on the discussion that follows.

Claims 1 and 3-7 are variously rejected for an alleged lack of novelty and alleged obviousness. In numbered paragraph 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Montanari et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,478,990); and in numbered paragraph 10 on page 5 of the Office Action, claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for alleged unpatentability over *Montanari* in view of "Official Notice". Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

In the previous response, Applicants argued that *Montanari* fails to disclose or suggest a method of tracking materials in a plant that produces liquid foods, the